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CONFERENCE 1999 !!!!!!!**

EDITORIAL

Well folks, I hear you say 'What's all this then John !!!'. Well, my super intelligent, high spec, top of the range computer decided to lie down and blow a fuse or two. The only problem, is that the format I did the newsletter on (Microsoft Publisher V.2) was removed from the hard drive and I do not have a back-up copy. Oh well... If anyone out there has a copy of Microsoft Publisher V.2 that I can borrow to re-install on my machine, I would be eternally grateful.

Right, back to the subject in hand, UFOlogy.... Things have been moving rather quickly since the last time the newsletter was published with UFO sightings, crop circles, public meetings and one or two other special events that we have been involved in.....

One thing that I read about in the Southampton Evening Echo dated the 6th July 1998, is that Winchester held a three day conference on the 17th - 19th July 1998, that looked into the subject of 'CONSPIRACIES'. One of the subjects looked at was 'Alien Abductions.....' This appears to be the first such event in England..... But one thing I asked myself when I read the article, was how can such a vast subject such as conspiracies be explored in such a small period of time and what are they trying to prove. Will we ever see any report produced by this highly academical meeting, I wouldn't hold your breath... !!!

Things that we have been involved in over the past month or so.... A Summer Fate at a middle school in Southampton.. Group members appearing in the local newspapers (See press reviews).. and yours truly giving a number of talks including one at a library to 6 - 11 year olds....

One thing that often windes me up is the fact that SUFOG ALWAYS

reviews ALL of the magazines from other groups that we receive. So you would assume, that SUFOG's newsletter would be reviewed by exchange magazines... **NO**... this is not the case. For example, over the past 2 months, the group has received 14 magazines. Out of these, just one carried a review of the SUFOG newsletter. This I find somewhat despondent, because, I feel the more publicity groups get, then it is better for us all. Even if these magazines had one page devoted to reviews of exchange magazines, then more and more people will get to hear about the groups, possibly in their own area. This is what the only magazine that reviewed SUFOG out of these 14 magazines had to say..... 'Less concerned with cases from Hampshire than with its excellent media coverage. A fine regular catalogue of UFO's on TV, radio etc. is a plus....' A nice, **short** review, but I just wonder what the reviewer meant by 'is a plus'.... Was the rest of the newsletter naff... I don't think this is what was meant.....! So, all you editors out there, what about a review or two for us Southerners, and who knows, as long as you can take the criticism and anything else would be reviewers want to throw at you, then the odd review or two will do wonders for UFOlogy..... I hope !

Anyway, that is me off my soap box and on with the newsletter. I hope that this edition is a mixture that you enjoy reading and as from this edition, I will be starting a letters item, so any of you who want to put pen to paper and write to me praising the Southampton UFO Group..... Then please do so, or if you just want to write to me and have your name in print..., well go on have a go.....

*What's on for the Months Ahead.....***July 1998.**

23rd - Interview with Meridian TV - Steve Gerrard.

24th - SUFOG Sky Watch - Cheesefoot Head (Weather permitting).

26th - Group Meeting - Church Road Center, Woolston.. 7.30pm.

August 1998.

24th - Lecture - Ringwood Library - Steve Gerrard.

28th - SUFOG Sky Watch - Location to be notified (Weather permitting).

September 1998.

11th - SUFOG Sky Watch - Location to be notified (Weather permitting).

13th - Group Meeting - Church Road Center, Woolston. 7.30 p.m..

17th - Lecture (To be confirmed) on the Isle of Wight.

October 1998.

3 - 4th - Lecture - UFO Kent. Steve Gerrard.

6th - Lecture / Talk - West End Ladies Group. Steve Gerrard.

8th - Lecture - Family Circle Group - Mr. Ernie Sears.

November 1998.

8th - Malcolm Robinson Sunday afternoon lecture.

As you can see, the groups diary is rather full and seems to be growing by the day. I still have one or two rods in the fire to confirm, but when they are, I will let everyone know and we will see what happens.

Circles Crop up in Hampshire...

Well folks, the 1998 crop circle season has got off to a rather bumpy start in Hampshire, with 15 formations appearing up until 7th August 1998. The first crop circle formation to be found in the country, was at Weyhill near Andover, on the 18th April. Andover was the scene of the second Hampshire formation, found on the 10th May, a circle with a ring and 3 circles equidistant around the ring, each with a semi-circular ring and additional circle around it. Then, on the 16th June, Privett, near Meon Hut was visited and a ringed circle, with smaller crescents within the ring appeared. On the same day, 22nd June at Clanfield, a complex pictogram appeared consisting of overlaid circles. Whilst all this was going on in Hampshire, other counties such as Wiltshire, Dorset, Staffordshire, Kent.... were also in the midst of the croppies... Then, on the 8th July, Stockbridge (Again, near Andover....), a circle appeared in wheat. On the 8th July, a large pictogram appeared at Morstead, near Winchester (Down the road from where I work) and then on the 9th of July..... I was out and my wife took a message about a new crop circle formation... I phoned the gentleman back, and a 'Flower-type' formation had appeared alongside the M27 motorway, between junction 10 - 9. I jumped on the phone and phoned Graham (Our resident 'Croppie' - Didn't mean it Graham...), who, phoned someone else, who phoned Busty Taylor (Circle hunter extra-ordinaire). Graham sent Brian (Croppie no.2 in the group), who on his trusted cycle went looking for the formation... But he couldn't find it although he rode past the field that the formation was in !. Graham and Brian eventually found the formation ... (Cont. on page 17)

WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN AUGUST 1996.**Regional Articles.**

- 0.8.96 : Salisbury Journal : Did you see this UFO ?
- 0.8.96 : Walthamstow Guardian : Something is out there.
- 0.8.96 : Worthing Herald : that was no UFO !
- 0.8.96 : Yellow Advertiser : Did you see UFO ?
- 1.8.96 : Bolton Metro News (Chronicle) : Are they the next big thing ?
- 1.8.96 : Watford & Rickmansworth Review : Is there anybody out there ?
- 1.8.96 : Falkirk Herald : Family astounded by flashing lights of UFO .
 - 1.8.96 : Falkirk Herald : UFO spotted.
- 1.8.96 : Nottingham Evening Post : keyworth visitor.
- 1.8.96 : North Wales Weekly News : Triple UFO alert.
- 2.8.96 : Birmingham Evening Mail : No Headline.
- 2.8.96 : Mid Wales Journal : If an alien force takes over, author Guy's the man to call.
 - 2.8.96 : Staffordshire Evening Sentinel : Closed minds.
- 2.8.96 : Keighley News : Experts in a scramble over UFO sightings.
 - 2.8.96 : Stoke on Trent Evening Sentinel : Closed minds.
 - 3.8.96 : Liverpool Echo : Space Invaders.
- 3.8.96 : Wolverhampton Express & Star : UFO alert as hot-air balloon skims roofs.
 - 3.8.96 : Liverpool Echo : Screen and space invaders.
 - 5.8.96 : Oxford Mail : Something weird in the night sky.
- 5.8.96 : Torquay Herald Express : Sarah's strange light show had glowing halo.
 - 6.8.96 : West Sussex Evening Argus : No Headline.
 - 7.8.96 : Western Daily Press : Picnic riddle of UFO swoop.
- 7.8.96 : Holyhead & Anglesey Mail : A case for the X Files on Anglesey ?
 - 7.8.96 : Chard & Ilminster News : Aliens from outer space ?
- 7.8.96 : Manchester Evening News : Mystery of 'UFO' as plane hunt fails.
 - 8.8.96 : Falkirk Herald : Couple's encounter with space ship.
- 8.8.96 : Maldon & Burnham Standard : Jacqui thinks she has seen a UFO.
 - 8.8.96 : The Mercury (Lewisham Borough) : The Shining.
 - 8.8.96 : Monmouthshire Beacon : UFO reported.
- 9.8.96 : Forest of Dean & Wye Valley Review : The night Tom's car died...
 - 9.8.96 : Cumnock Chronicle : No Headline.
 - 9.8.96 : Annandale Observer : UFO mystery.
- 9.8.96 : Bristol Evening Post : UFO group probes lights mystery.
- 10.8.96 : Swansea South Wales Evening Post : Mystery craft in city sky.
 - 13.8.96 : Scottish Sun : UFO team probe 'Flying Triangles'.
 - 12.8.96 : The Sheffield Star : Star Struck.
- 13.8.96 : Mid Devon Gazette : Alan claims he's snapped a UFO.
- 15.8.96 : Dudley Express & Star : Alien abductions 'all in the mind'.
- 15.8.96 : Ulster News Letter (Belfast) : Alien victims just dreamers.
- 15.8.96 : Wolverhampton Express & Star : Kidnap by aliens 'all in the mind'.
- 16.8.96 : Largs & Millport Weekly News : 'News' solves mystery of Susan's Millport UFO.
 - 16.8.96 : Yellow Advertiser : UFO is airship.

- 16.8.96 : Torquay Herald Express : Earlier UFO sighting.
16.8.96 : Evening Standard : A testing time for aliens.
17.8.96 : Staffordshire Evening Sentinel : UFO over Potetries claims spark plea for sky watch assistance.
17.8.96 : Gloucester Echo : Mum and daughter spot UFO.
17.8.96 : Highland News : Farr UFO leaves village baffled.
20.8.96 : Worcester & Hereford Evening News : No Headline.
21.8.96 : Dorset Evening Echo : Police probe UFO reports.
21.8.96 : Gloucestershire Echo : Couple report UFO sighting.
21.8.96 : Stockport Express Advertiser : was a white light a UFO ?
22.8.96 : Dorset Evening Echo : 'Strange' encounter with a UFO.
22.8.96 : Cheltenham News : Forum's sky-full.
22.8.96 : Wigan Reporter : No Headline.
22.8.96 : Gloucester News : A bumper week for saucer-spotters.
22.8.96 : Huddersfield Examiner : Mystery deepens.
23.8.96 : Accrington Observer & Times : If there are any UFO's out there - please phone home.
23.8.96 : Sutton Coldfield News : Did you see this UFO ?
23.8.96 : Dorset Evening Echo : More people report sighting UFO.
26.8.96 : Northampton Chronicle and Echo : Couple claims to have seen flashing UFO.
28.8.96 : Enfield Independent : Calls pour in after last week's UFO story.
28.8.96 : Kettering Evening Telegraph : UFO group tells of strangers in the night.
29.8.96 : Ayr Advertiser : Bofin's UFO dream theory shot down.
29.8.96 : Gloucester Citizen : UFO buffs baffled by noises.
29.8.96 : Islington Gazette : UFO probe sheds no light.
30.8.96 : Gloucester Citizen : They landed in S.Wales.
30.8.96 : Maidenhead Advertiser : I am not alone says UFO spotter.
30.8.96 : Gloucestershire Echo : 'UFO' lights probably lasers.
30.8.96 : Colne Valley Chronicle : New UFO sightings 'No defense threat'.

National Newspapers.

- 3.8.96 : Daily Mail Weekend : X marks the spot where the aliens were sighted.
4.8.96 : Sunday Telegraph : UFOs, ETs etc..
5.8.96 : Daily Mail : Is this the proof that UFOs exist ?
8.8.96 : The Times : The company of strangers.
8.8.96 : The Times : So what's new, shrug the watchers on Et highway.
20.8.96 : Daily Mail : Is the truth being kept from us ?
22.8.96 : Daily Mirror : Photos NASA hid for 20 years.
23.8.96 : Daily Mirror : The aliens among us.
25.8.96 : News of the World : Those UFOs !

Magazine Articles.

- 17.8.96 : Psychic News : The EVP and Aliens.

Local Newspapers.

8.8.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Belief which really leaves its mark.

Crop Circle Articles.

- 2.8.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Hoax or horror ?
- 8.8.96 : Salisbury Journal : Henge crop circle loses its crown.
- 9.8.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Circling on truth.
- 17.8.96 : Staffordshire Evening Sentinel : Crop circle sparks UFO alert.
- 30.8.96 : South Bucks Observer : Going round in circles !

International Newspapers.

22.8.96 : The European : Abducted housewife alive on web site.

Newspaper Unknown.

- 11.8.96 : Is it a bird ? Is it a UFO ? No, it's a waverider...
- 14.8.96 : Sky-high hopes for UFO vigil.

MALCOLM ROBINSON LECTURE
8TH NOVEMBER 1998.

Malcolm has now set up SPI England operating from his address in London.
 Malcolm is a well respected researcher (especially by me) and has researched sightings in Scotland when he ran SPI Scotland.

Malcolm has been a researcher for and member of BUFORA
 (British UFO Research Association).

Malcolm has researched sightings in and around the Bonnybridge area of Scotland, an area that over the years has seen a large increase of UFO sightings.

Malcolm has given many lectures around the country and this is the first time that he has appeared in Southern England (To my knowledge).

Malcolm has appeared on many television programs as well as radio items.
 Hopefully, Malcolm will be talking about UFO sightings in and around Bonnybridge with hopefully video footage.

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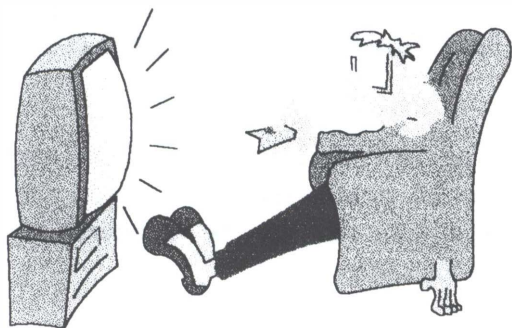
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We saw the light.....

Our skywatch on Friday the 25th July held one or two surprises. Myself and 4 group members were in for a treat with the sighting of '2' unidentified objects (see report on back page of newsletter). There were 5 witnesses to the first sighting and 3 to the second. The skywatch lasted from 8 p.m. to 02.30 hrs and was a very successful event.



**TELEVISION & RADIO
REVIEWS BY STEVE GERRARD
FROM 15th June - 15th August
1998.**

2nd July : This Morning : I missed this item as I was at work when it was screened. I understand from a few other sources, that Graham Birdsall (Quest International) and ex-pilot Graham Shepherd appeared on the program. Did you see this item or record it ? If you happened to of recorded it, then please can we have a copy for the group video library.

8th July : Animal X : This short item looked at cattle mutilations in America and interviewed local ranchers and local ranching agencies that have no real explanations as to the cause of this 'Phenomena' (If I can use this word). Cattle mutilations have always been associated with UFO's i.e. the fact that no blood is left, the precision that the parts of the animal are removed, the use of a very sophisticated laser type of 'knife' and no traces are found. There have been people who have claimed to of seen cattle being lifted up into a UFO by a 'tractor - beam' and then being dropped to ground at a later date. This was an interesting item lasting approx. 8 mins and is one that will be shown at a future group meeting.

12th July : UFO : The Untold Story : This is a commercial video available through most shops, that I have not got around to purchasing yet, but was shown on the Discovery Channel on cable TV. This concentrated on UFO sightings around the world and was an interesting 45 min. program.

24th July : Saw the first episode of the new series of Earthscan on the SCI-FI Channel. In the opening programs screened between 24th & 29th July concerned itself with the Loch Ness Monster and the idea of Conspiracies. There were interviews with the younger elements of society and they were asked their ideas about aliens and alien contact.... Some good material here and one or two good statements... like ... PMT - Pre Millennium Tension... Need I say any more....

28th July : July saw the start of the new series of Sightings (USA) on cable Tv. One or two interesting items, looking at the mass sightings in Mexico (Update) and a UFO flap over Idaho in America. Very interesting items that brought us up to date with the happenings in Mexico.

8th August : This was my 3 minutes of fame mentioned in the newsletter else where and I will not go into it very much only to say is that I thoroughly enjoyed being seen in front of millions of people !!! Mind you, a number of people at work said that they had seen me on the program and that I came over very well. One or two commented that I seemed to of been cut off in my prime and I was not given a chance to roundup the interview... Oh well, you cannot win them all..... Better luck the next time.

Book Review - By Ernie Sears...

Disctech is one of the most unusual books I've ever read concerning the continuing UFO enigma, By Robert Kingsley Morison and published by the United Writers Publications Ltd., down in Penzance, Cornwall, (Tel ; 01736 365954) it's sub-titled "A Theory About Alien Technology", and that is just what it is.

'A cunning way of canceling gravity'... by way of forcefields, crop circle energy, using the intellectual experiments of Krafft and Gulko (Over my head altho' I know of Krafft's work), and the author says if his idea WORKS, 'it will place immense power in the hands of the people !'

Really ? if by 'people' you mean the citizens of the world, Robert, OK.. but can you imagine it ? All those fat cats smiling happily as they hand over POWER ? Well, lets look !

Robert Morison says years and years of intellectual study by scientists are required before actual experiments.. the mathematical element ? He knows about the 'curtain of silence' that descends on sightings of craft behaving in an alien manner, quoting sightings himself.. he quotes, too.. the book is larded with quotes of others.. words of Charles Fort who said that most of us could watch extra-terrestrials for a week and then declare they were something else. Bit drastic, eh ? The book cover has three photos.. two crop designs and an alleged UFO with "satellites" around it... you will recognise them all from over familiarity. Wish they wouldn't do it ! Robert has the brains and the training in electronics, and became interested in precognition and antimaterialist philosophies in 1950 and was unacquainted with the UFO scene until 1960. All of which leads me to

conclude that he would lose NOTHING by getting to know someone in the field.. say Ron Pearson, Bsc.. who has lectured worldwide at symposiums etc. on the shortcomings of gravitational scientists... while I myself can, humbly, I hope, claim to have actually experienced precognition, thus being aware that it is a state of the mind which can "shift" beyond what we call "time", We KNOW that the "aliens" have very powerful MINDS.. with it, their technology is made to look like magic to us.. without it progress for us is slow. Over some sixty years I've studied much of the "antigravity" theories, a few OOBES helped the practical side !... Robert Morison comes up with some good notions on the Big Bang, Einstein's faulty theories, (even Einstein himself admitted they were flawed) as well as the "structure" of the Universe.. daily being advanced even more by science ... but KNOWN by the spiritualists for many years.. which is where "mind" comes in again and I leave the theories of the otherwise thought provoking book and get on with the experiences that bring knowledge. DISCTECH's back cover shows 'the potential power' of "vortexes" in space, air, and water as the key to the 'secrets of the Universe'. No harm in buying this interesting if very deep book... price £14.95.. it may well advance the solving of the enigmas, the mysteries, posed us, piece by piece.

Like Mr. Sears, I also enjoyed reading the book, but, it was somewhat over my head in some parts and unless you are into theories of such people as Einstein, then you may find it heavy going. I would rate the book myself a reasonable 7 out of 10....

(Editor Steve G).



YE OLDE NEWSPAPER
REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS
ESQ.

The **Sunday Telegraph** of May 31st opens up our cuttings for this issue.. big article by the paper's TV critic John Diamond on the Everyman Prog.. sub-titled "Contact"... with the lad aiming the cynical look at abductee, witnesses, and even concluding there's 'nothing in it except the BBC's reluctance to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs'. Diamond also likes the professors of neuroscience who 'manage to replicate the abduction experiences on volunteers'. Says who ? Even noted skeptic Susan Blackmore failed to reproduce HER experience which failed to impress genuine abductees.

The **Daily Mail** of June 4th was still working on that 24,000 mph UFO that Fylingdales radar and others spotted over the North Sea... their Coffe Break section had an 'answer' involving a flock of geese (sound familiar ?) flying close to the radar aerial.. an incident elsewhere, date unknown, and repeated the next day.. the Fylingdale's UFO didn't fit this "suggestion". It remained a UFO.... "unidentified" !

The **Sunday Telegraph** also featured that Everyman prog. "Contact" on the 7th June calling abductee's a 'wretched bunch', adding further cynical comments of 'sexual fantasy, Thwarted adventurism, delusions' and so on and so forth ! Familiar descriptions from

another uniformed critic and closed mind ego struck bod !

The **Daily Mail** of Sunday 14th June... my birthday !.. hmmm !.. Night and Day magazine carried excellent if disturbing article on the mysterious and 'world's most secret society', the Bilderberger Group, at their recent meeting in Scotland when armed police units surrounded the place and kept the nosy away ! See subsequent news of this group in this review of papers and magazines.

The LOOK in **The Mirror**.. an unmarked cutting sent by a friend from Cumbria.. June.. featured a full page by Judith Jaafar... 'Britains answer to the X - Files Dana Scully' it says ! An accredited BUFORA investigator, the lady relates, among other incidents, the Hopkinsville "alien" incident where the "goblin" looking creatures were fired upon by a whole family.. although Judith doesn't detail this. "Coincidentally", Judith's photo posed in almost exact style to my Echo one, similar books displayed too !

Southern Daily Echo, for June 27th, carried a reasonably accurate interview of yours truly Ernie Sears, but changed my surname to "Spears !" My 15 minutes of fame are still ongoing ! Significant that Echo reporter Jackie McCarrick's birthday was the same date as mine. Coincidence ? Fate ?? Cosmic Control ??? Photo-copies available unless you want to stick pins in me !

The **Daily Telegraph** of June 30th headlined an article on a panel of "scientists" who decided that claimed sightings didn't prove ET's or even violation of natural laws... Cont. on page 10.....

Cont. from page 9.... 'course not !'
While Prof. Peter Sturrock of Stanford University suggested scientists should 'become curious' about the 'physical evidence' instead of witnesses testimony. Don't hold your breath since the Telegraph published. On the 8th July, a report from the International Committee for the Scientific Claims of the Paranormal (pew !) derided the report as a 'publicity stunt by UFO believers!' Philip Klass, noted skeptic, and the Skeptical Enquirer, bashed the prog. as 'promoting fringe topics as real mysteries'.

The **Daily Mail** of June 30th carried a much more "dramatic" article on that panel of scientists. see above.. this one was illustrated with a montage of an alleged THREE THOUSAND FOOT DISC that "hovered" over Paris in 1994.. anyone KNOW of this one ?.. while Dr. Sturrock admitted that some reports were of 'some rare natural phenomena' (!) 'THERE WERE SOME THAT COULD NOT BE EXPLAINED... i.e. : Unidentified !'.

The **Daily Mail** of unknown date in July carried another Coffee Break question of would you break any law if an alien landed in your garden and you felt threatened enough to kill it ! NO ! was the answer.. morally or legally since no ET's are listed anywhere. Plus history shows us such arrivals are elevated to gods. If a representative of an ET society DID arrive it would be so superior to mankind killing one would be impossible ! we'd probably try !

The **Daily Telegraph** of July 18th featured a "Matter of Life and Death for Martians" debate... a 'ray of hope from hardy microbes' and 'leading scientists divided'.. meanwhile the

"Face on Mars" etc. discoveries hang fire, not surprisingly !

The **Southampton Daily Echo** of the 4th July caused some excitement with its news of the 'First Conspiracy Conference' to be held at Winchester's King Alfred College on the 18th, with a Princetown (USA) University professor, Elaine Showalter, over here to tell us that her book, 'Hysterical Epidemics and Modern Culture', solves illnesses such as ME, The Gulf war Syndrome, plus the Kennedy Assassination, and the death of Princess Diana.. to boot.. and... wait for it, alien abductions ! All, says the lady... who looks and sounds uncannily like our own Susan Blackmoore... 'in the mind', and a symptom of the "conspiracy" malaise that is all psychological ! So now you know ! or do you ?.. and did the lady read.. "coincidentally ?"... the big spread that both the Telegraph and the Mail devoted to the long term survey by scientists that ME has now been accepted and as a true illness AND not 'all in the mind ?' Other papers too featured this !

The **Daily Mail**, 27th July, carried good features page on the recent Conference at Hereford when Nick Redfern ("A Covert Agenda" and "The FBI Files") spoke to 300 people on Government secrecy, Men in Black, etc. while Michael Hesemann, well known German investigator and author, showed impressive video of the craft that hovered over Mexico City last year plus "The best sightings from the US in this decade".

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**NEWS RELEASE FROM NICK
REDFERN.**

(Supplied by Mr. Ernie Sears)

As someone who takes more than a keen interest in the Ministry of Defence's involvement in the UFO issue, I have been greatly intrigued by two recent noteworthy developments : the first concerns Nick Pope and his forthcoming book, 'Operation Thunderchild' (scheduled for a 1999 release) ; and the second concerns the recently - screened BBC TV drama 'Invasion Earth'.

'The book tells the story of an encounter between UFOs and the RAF. Forget Independence Day ; this is how it would really happen,' Pope recently told me when we discussed the contents of his book. 'There will be all sorts of things I can say in there that I can't say in a non-fiction book.'

'Well, in view of that, Nick,' I stated, 'you realise that people are going to say that you're going to be saying in a fictional format the sort of things you weren't allowed to say in 'Open Skies, Closed Minds'!

'Even to you, Nick, I really can't comment on that !' Pope replied.

Time to try another approach, I thought to myself.

'In view of what you're saying in 'Operation Thunderchild', have your views on the Ministry's involvement in the UFO issue changed at all ?' I asked.

'They have, it's fair to say, evolved somewhat. It's very difficult to go into the details, but I'm a little bit more inclined to think that there's perhaps more to this than first meets the eye. there are certainly one or two things about the Ministry's stance over the last few years that have caused me to question things perhaps a little more than I did previously'.

Pope continued : I have to be careful with every single word I say, because I

know that every word, every sentence will be picked over by UFOlogists, the Ministry of Defense and, er, a number of other agencies.'

Despite repeated attempts on my part for clarification on the issue of 'other agencies' noting his every word, Pope refused to elaborate. A sip of the tongue perhaps ? Who knows ?

Pope may have been reluctant to elaborate further ; however, he was able to refer me to a 'Defence Source' who had a number of comments to make with regard to the BBC's 'Invasion Earth' series. In a series of exchanges with this source, I was informed : It's extremely strange that on the one hand the MOD is publicly so dismissive about UFOs; and yet on the other, it bent over backwards to provide assistance to a TV company producing a science-fiction drama which starts with the RAF shooting down a UFO. Normally, the MOD only helps film and TV companies where it believes that significant benefits will fall to the department - in terms of recruiting, training or public relations. This was the case, for example, with our participation in 'Soldier, Soldier' and in the James Bond film, 'Tomorrow Never Dies.' What, one wonders, did the MOD think it had to gain from helping to perpetuate a view that the RAF were virtually at war with extra-terrestrials ? Questions about our participation in this project were raised at the highest level within the Ministry of Defence - and that's all I want to say on that.'

Profound comments, to say the least. what will Pope's new book be saying that he felt unable to say in 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' ? Who are the mysterious 'other agencies' noting Pope's every word ? And just what was the real story behind the MOD's previously-unheard-of . Cont. page 12.

Cont. from page 11... assistance given to the 'Invasion Earth' team ? Important questions requiring important answers....

Nick Redfern. 17th July 1998.



MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

ENIGMA is the pocket sized magazine of Paul Vigays doing.. and deserves first place this time cos of his remarkable exposure of that "secret" Bilderberger Group.. see cuttings this month.. complete with the names of all its members.. past and present.. risky business. runs into a hundred or more and some disturbing names therein ! Paul also details the years crop circles, locations, etc, an interview with David Icke, those stone circles in Egypt allegedly found to be six thousand five hundred years old and "aligned to the sky". Arthur C. Clarke on UFOs... etc. etc. Magazine from 104 manners Road, Southsea, Hampshire, PO4 0BG, at £8 for four issues.

STRANGE PHENOMENA SCOTLAND is the new brainchild of Billy Devlin and our old friend Malcolm Robinson... issue two.. and once you've sorted out who is writing what, and try to understand the "in-fighting" therein.. all for a good cause I guess !.. an interesting handy sized book. Malc does a short but necessary article on "young UFOlogists" who might

traumatize witnesses if not "instructed". Dean Ladds on SPI's Web Site... subjects include abduction helpline and latest sightings and FILM of Scottish "lights"... and Malc on the contents of his new book "UFOs Over Scotland" (of course !) subtitled "The Whole Story". Much else follows in this mag. Priced at £15 for 5 issues published 4 times a year.. yes, I was puzzled too ! Address on back cover it says.. still looking for it ! Office number 01259 724512.. since Malcolm has upped and moved to London.. does Ed. have his address ? .. check this.

UFO NEWS subtitled "incorporating 'the grey area' and 'intelligence magazine' " must mean Eric Morris is involved !... and so it was ! Issue number one of the revamped mag. features Area 51, UFO's and the paranormal, British UFO Study Center, and the Lancashire UFO Society (LUFOS) .. an "independent" publication aimed at cutting through all the hype, bitching, etc. ! 'More cautious, sensible, and.. note !.. 'a covert agenda of UFO research undertaken perhaps beyond the remit of elected government'... those Bilderbergers again ? Tim Matthews reports on "enter the Millennium" and.. huh !.. 'the revolution starts here !' Tim relates at some length on Flying saucers.. the secret history.. advanced German WW2 aircraft.. NONE of which had the SILENT and SUPERFAST from HOVER that many of us have seen personally and IF "secret" why send up our fighters to chase or vainly intercept and even fire on ? SIXTY years of "development" and we still send Stealth to war zones ! An interesting magazine.. controversial.. informative.. £7 for 4 issues from .. LUFOS, PO Box 73, Lancaster, LA1 1GZ.

UFO MAGAZINE... the USA product.. cover boldly states "the Real X Files" !.. why not ? Covers the "X Files Movie", as it "fights for earth's alien free future".. GULP !.. Scandals and high jinx at Area 51... magazine will 'broaden its scope' to include sci-fi films, motion pictures and TV.. wassup then ? not enough UFO goings on ? .. education ?.. researchers Feedback on the X Files series interesting.. Lonnie Zamora dug up again.. Bruce Maccabee in interview with Don Ecker tells it like it is with the FBI and secrecy.. Ray Fowler's "The Andreasson Legacy" reviewed.. the 'final chapter' ? UFO MAGAZINE published at 5455 Centinela Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

UFO MAGAZINE .. OUR side of "the pond". .. is Graham Birdsalls still healthy product.. and has plenty to interest and puzzle over ! Inner cover blurb of MI5 official comments on UFO's is merely, however, a photocopied letter, somewhat reduced in size.. but the following USA formerly classified documents opens a whole can of worms in an article by French UFO researcher Gildas Bourdais. The Cranwell Affair features those 4,000mph, 17,000 ditto, 24,000 ditto, 'big as a battleship' craft reported and involves Nick Redfern, Jenny Randles, and Timothy Good. MOD denials abound ! Yet that 900ft craft crops up time and again. Story allegedly by a disgruntled MOD former employee.. not so, say the experts. Carrying on with more disclosures of another UFO orientated RAF base, while bang up to date world UFO headlines make gripping news ! Space prevents much more ! But watch out for the August "Unopened Files !" In the shops or from Quest Publications Int. Ltd., Wharfbank House, Wharfbank Business Center, Ilkley

Road, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3JP. (UFO Mag. £2.25).

INUFOR DIGEST for June 1998.. Vol 4, No 1.. shows you the huge amount of dramatic sightings and encounters from our Australian correspondents... Moira McGhee outlines some 1998 Central Coast and Singleton, Queensland, etc., sightings among others... plus a 1966 encounter in Southern Victoria" recalled" by a lady who was six at the time. Our own Margaret Fry details that Berwyn Mountain 1974 "crash", along with a map of the Welsh area concerned.. mysterious isn't the word ! "Cover up" could be !.. Since Porton Down, "coffin-like" boxes, big military presence, and much more, all involved. The article is another in the line of an intro. to British UFO Organisations. Margaret Fry represents Contact International. INUFOR also details sightings around major airports this year... while Keith Douglas and Moira McGhee come up with reports on a 'multitude' of 'strange orange lights' multi witnessed in the Alice Springs region in 1996. David Jacobs latest book "The Threat" is both controversial and disturbing to say the least.. a review in INUFOR by Robert Marx tells it as it APPEARS to be. Well ! Try INUFOR PO Box 783, Kogarah, NSW, 2217, Australia for a very interesting and well produced magazine.

ABDUCTION WATCH 10/11 hits you in both mind and eye this issue of June 1998 ! Kevin McClure's periodical slash at all things UFO wise.. mostly the humble and not so humble UFOlogists, our old friend Malcolm Robinson formerly of SPI Scotland getting the doubtful exposure this time ! As per usual, Kev, mounts his soapbox on hypnotic regression, regressionists, hypnotherapists, and

such, which lets me of the hook this time since I made sure he knew that the majority of abductees.. including me ! .. are more than a trifle wary of the can of worms that might be opened.. backing up those memories, scars, we possess, LONG before UFO's and "aliens" were even spoken, written, or THOUGHT ABOUT ! No doubt Kevin has been following the media saga of one Paul McKenna whose stage hypnotic act seems to have landed him in trouble. Having booked and see such people a few times when I was a theatrical agent in the seventies I was never aware of any traumas suffered.. 'twas all "entertainment" and participants'.. often keenly interested students of the mysterious.. were all volunteers. Huh ! Kevin doesn't forget to slate Quest International publications and Tony Dodd in particular en passant but allows that since Tony resigned the mag. gets faint praise since it now publishes 'balanced, investigative, and even debunking material' So there ! Gosh ! I AGREE with Kevin on those alleged "NAZI SECRET SAUCERS" to sum it all up.. see above mag, reviews.. altho there are possible "holes" in his "theorising".. thus I too was born in 1924, same year as Renato Vesco and by 1944 was in Italy working on all kind of Allied aircraft, maybe Italian youths such as Vesco would have been extra talented or even pressed into service young or even University ? Whatever.. those "Christmas balls" hanging in German skies would have been more vindictive as compared to celebratory.. what did Germany have to celebrate then ? 'Nuff said on that !' Kevin's Abduction Watch comes out at £10 for 12 issues, £5 for five.. had to don sunglasses Kev, this time !... 3 Claremont Grove, Leeds, LS3 1AX.

NORTHERN UFO NEWS from noted author Jenny Randles who

comments of the noticeable decline of the glossy UFO mags and this phenomenon, as she says, is due to the proliferation of such.. it happens in all such situations.. I'm watching it NOW in my beloved other interest, Country Music... the same as in the sixties and seventies when I was involved in jazz, rhythm and blues, etc.. too many venues chasing too few customers thus all got a smaller share ! Sometimes MONEY is the attraction... sometimes sheer enthusiasm dulls the logical senses ! One can go broke ! I did ! You learn, hopefully, lessons. We will see ! Rendlesham Forest surfaces again.. why not ? Jenny relates details coming out of the woodwork with formerly hidden documents and.. AND !.. a book by Colonel Halt ! Dare I suggest that the TELEGRAPH Editor pulled the plug , twice, in April 1998, which Jenny finds "odd", on Rendlesham articles, since Telegraph chairman Conrad Black is a member of the highly secret Bilderberger Group, which meets once yearly at tucked away locations and comprises military, political, high finance, religious, royal, etc. figures worldwide among its "member", and is rumored, although I took this with a big pinch of salt back in the eighties, to have "connections" with so-called "alien" technology and "deals".. it all spells MONEY and equates with POWER ! OK ! I'VE SAID IT ! NOW LAUGH ! Complex it all is... Rendlesham fits that bill all right.. but then so does MUCH of the UFO/ALIEN whatever program. Another "reality", NUFON's news roundup highlights some info from Nick Redfern... which I received too.. see elsewhere.. on MOD current admissions of another department called "The space division", allegedly dealing with satellites etc.. Incidentally, leave poor old Popey out of that Florida Cont. on page 23

RESPECTING OPINIONS !

As most of you will now be aware, I have left Scotland and I am now living in London, England. My previous statement on the web site clarified this position, and mentioned that it is my aim to set up a sister branch of SPI here in London which will be called, **SPI ENGLAND**. However, it would appear after having discussions with my SPI colleague Billy Devlin, that certain 'vociferous' Scottish UFOlogists are still keen to tray and undermine the good work that we at SPI have been doing of late. So much so, that they are giving Billy a hard time as he continues the SPI work up in Scotland. Billy has informed me that he is none too pleased at these continuing 'pointless' attacks on the credibility of **SPI** and is preparing a statement 'of sorts' regarding this issue in the next edition of our society's magazine, '*STRANGE PHENOMENA SCOTLAND*'.

In actual fact, these criticisms / attacks, are generally aimed at me, and yet Billy Devlin and Brian Allan would appear to be taking the flak for my 'open minded approach to UFOlogy in this country'. This is not on.

I freely admit, that over the years, I have found myself appearing on a large number of television and radio shows, not to mention my frequent appearances in the national and provincial press. All this is purely for reasons, not of self glorification, but a desire to inform the general public as to what is going on. There is no good hiding the fact that UFOs appear over Scotland, and it was my job whilst there, to ensure that the public had a right to know about these incidents. It would appear that I have stuck my neck out a little too far in regards to ensuring that the public knew what was going on, for in doing so I have 'annoyed' (shall we say), a number of

Scottish UFOlogists by the way that I go about things.

UFOlogists are individuals, and we all do things to our own standards. UFOlogists should never be timid and afraid to be heard. If there is something clearly of importance going on in the skies of this country, then we have a right to let the public know. This has always been my standpoint, and one which even today, I will vociferously stand by. I have been accused by others of being '*media junkie*'---- nothing could be further from the truth. Students go to University to learn, not to disappear and do nothing with the knowledge that they obtained throughout their study. Do people really believe that I, as a UFO Investigator, will research UFO sightings only to remain quiet ?!!! There are hundreds of good UFO investigators in the UK, most of them openly working with the media, and why ? Because they too feel that the people have a right to know. I can't help it if the media telephone me and ask me for the latest info on UFO sightings in this country. If there is something going on, I will tell them. But let me stress, I will only tell them if I believe the account to be true, and if a case isn't finished, I will ensure that I tell them so, plus the fact that there is every chance, that on completion of this case, it may well turn out to have a natural explanation, (as most of them do).

The main thorn in my side these days is a chap by the name of David Coleman. David runs his own UFO society in West Lothian, Scotland. David and I don't see eye to eye on a number of points, but this is fair enough. David has every right to his opinion, just as I have a right as well. This is a free country and people have the right of free speech. Having said that, another detractor of mine, one

Kevin McClure, actually had the audacity to contact BUFORA, (The British UFO Research Association) and ask them if they would stop me talking about the A70 Scottish UFO abduction case, as it used hypnosis. Hypnosis, Kevin believes, is a dangerous tool and should not be used in the investigation of alleged UFO abductions. I actually agree with a lot of what Kevin believes, but it is so very, very wrong, to stop someone who has an opinion on a matter, in this case the matter was hypnosis, from giving a public lecture. If we stopped every one who had an opinion on matter from relating it, then this country would be a very sad country to live in. People have a right to free speech, and rightly or wrongly, everyone should have a chance to voice their opinion on whether hypnosis should be used in UFO Abduction cases or not. I believe that it should (with restrictions).

I guess when you have been in UFOlogy for as long as I have, you become a prime candidate for personal attacks. I have no real problems with this, so long as it is constructive and done with proper feeling. But when one takes criticism which is clearly unjustified, in my case because I constantly appear in the media (you know my reasons why this is then this is where the unsavory side of UFOlogy comes in. Some might call it jealousy, I prefer to call it 'petty mindedness'.

Sadly, the new SPI up in Scotland, (which I have absolutely nothing to do with) is still taking criticism. Let me say this now, Billy Devlin will run **SPI SCOTLAND** 'his own way', and not in the way that I, Malcolm Robinson ran it. Billy has his own ideas and feelings on how SPI should now be run. In a sense, it's like a football club ! SPI is under new management and will be run with the feelings and expectations of its 'new manager'.

And so I would say to those who think that **SPI SCOTLAND** is going to be run the same way, '**THINK AGAIN!**', SPI will be run totally differently from when I was there. If anybody has any gripes of criticism, then please don't give them to Billy Devlin, let them come direct to me.

I have every confidence that the information that **SPI SCOTLAND** and **SPI ENGLAND** can provide will ensure that the strange world of UFOs and the paranormal gets recognized by the people of this country. And if we have to go on TV shows or into the newspapers to get these facts across, then so be it. That will never be a problem to us, so why on Earth is it a problem to others ? Below are some points that I would like to clarify in this short article. They are :-

Please Note :

- 1. I have no dealings at all with SPI SCOTLAND.**
- 2. I will not be investigating UFO cases in Scotland.**
- 3. I will not be chairing any SPI meetings in Scotland.**
- 4. I am purely, and only, interested in setting up SPI ENGLAND.**
- 5. Billy Devlin will run SPI SCOTLAND his own way.**
- 6. If anyone has any criticisms of SPI, let them contact me at the address below.**

These are the salient points that I would like to address. I would ask that those who see fit to criticize **SPI SCOTLAND**, should give the new **SPI SCOTLAND** a chance to find its feet. SPI is the oldest UFO group that is still running in Scotland. We have been going for more years than the

'New Kids On The Block'. It is my hope that Scottish UFOlogists can unite and work together in harmony for the betterment of UFO study. Let's not attack one another, let's all pull together. We are all after the same thing, to learn and understand what the UFO phenomenon is all about. I hope that we can put our differences behind us, and look forward to a brighter future in which working side by side, we may be that bit nearer to the understanding of this elusive phenomenon.

Malcolm Robinson, SPI Founder.

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and went in it, photographing it and drawing the formation... (More details to follow).. This was a bit of a coo for the group as it was the first time that it appears that the group was the first to find a local crop circle formation. Then finally, on the 10th July, a formation was found at Butser Hill, near Petersfield consisting of a multiple '4-leaved clover' type design...

So far 1998 has seen a number of formations that have got the imagination stirring in that, the formations found at Privett, Clanfield, Fareham and Butser Hill all bear the signs of possibly being created by the same creator... Who this creator is, is not known at present, but we are hot on the trail, and with one or two clues, the net is closing in.... Wishful thinking by me.... Editor.... Cont page 25...

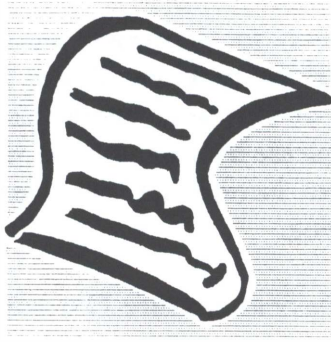
UFO Seen Over West Coast of England.

Having received a phone call by two members of the group on Tuesday the 14th July asking if I had heard about the UFO sighting mentioned above... 'No' was the answer... I now had to hunt down the story... Thanks to the Internet, I found the answer...

'A large meteorite is being blamed for hundreds of sightings of bright lights in the sky along the West coast of Britain on Friday evening (10th July).... Initially the authorities were baffled about the source of lights, which looked like the letter **Z** or **2**. It was not until early on Saturday morning that an airline pilot who landed at East Midlands airport was able to provide a rational explanation. The pilot reported seeing a large meteorite entering the atmosphere as he was flying to the UK from France. He claimed to have watched it breaking up and leaving a long trail in its wake which was then formed by winds - into shapes resembling the letters.

Throughout Friday evening police and coastguards from Cornwall to Scotland were inundated with calls from people who spotted lights, though most came from people living around the Irish sea. Coastguards in Belfast said they had received dozens of 999 calls and admitted they had seen lights in the sky which they watched for an hour above the north coast of Ireland. A spokesman said the lights formed a large Z-shape. "It was very prominent and was due north of the coastguard station. We were able to watch it from the windows".

An item was carried in the Sunday Mirror dated the 12th July 1998 headlined 'Lights in the sky leave Britain in grip of the 'Z-Files'.....



LETTERS....

Roswell Autopsy Video... A Fake !!!

I have some facts concerning the autopsy video...

1. It doesn't match the Roswell aliens who were the Gray's.
2. The model appears to have 6 fingers and no Gray or Gray hybrid has 6 fingers.
3. Special effects experts say it looks like the body is made of some pomular based rubber.
4. Medical surgeons say no matter what type of creature it is, all things bleed the same and the alien model appears to be bleeding incorrectly.
5. The autopsy men are not covered in blood where, no matter what job a surgeon does, they are always covered in blood.
6. They peeled the black membrane of it's eye, which is impossible as they would of literally had to of cut its eyes out.
7. Security is very tight.
8. Trueman said he should hire a team of idiots to release dis-information, because Gray's look a little terrifying and people would think of them as demons. So this backs up that it is 100% dead cert that the footage is fake, if not, there's no existing cover-up at all.

Not only that, if it was real, the conspirators would feel uneased, and would of landed themselves in ****.

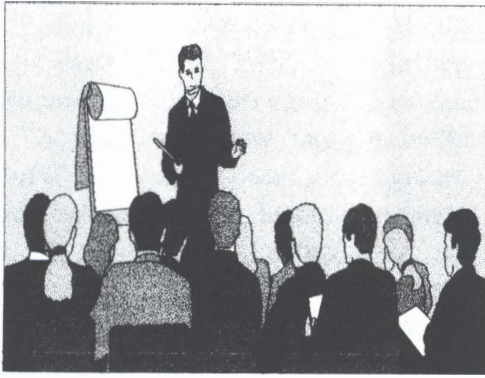
Not only that, the man who took the footage would have been tracked down and shot by MIB. I also have found due to the facts that the MIB would've killed anyone who saw sight of the footage no matter what. Even Whitley Strieber claimed it was a fake unless the Government was doing a sick experiment on people, after they received the body. I agree with Whitley Strieber on this, because according to Bob Lazar, the Roswell craft had no damage and this backs up an engineers statement from the True Story of Area 51, that the Greys were alive and that they landed. However, I believe that they might of crash landed and that the craft had healing capabilities. Whitley said in his book Breakthrough, that the Greys craft is living machinery - i.e. Bio-Chemical material.

But if I was a Defence Department, I wouldn't take the fake footage seriously, because according to the MoD expert Nick Pope, he found that the so called alien is female and is pregnant. We know for a start that the Grey's are in-fertile.

Tristan (17 yrs old).

**REMEMBER.... IF YOU HAVE
ANYTHING TO SAY, THEN WHY
NOT SAY IT HERE.....
THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER
AND WHO KNOWS WHERE
YOUR VIEWS MAY LEAD...**

**WITH THIS ISSUE ... SEE WHAT
SUFOG HAS TO SELL IN ITS
GRAND SUMMER CLEARANCE
SALE..... EVERYTHING MUST
GO GO GO.....**



Conference 99 ... An Update....

Well folks, 1999 is just around the corner and another year has passed us by. What does 1999 hold for the group.. Well, our first ever **one day** conference is well under way and here is what we have done so far

1. Date : 24th October 1999 : 10 am - 5 p.m...
2. 3 speakers, including Malcolm Robinson and Graham Birdsall...
3. The venue in central Southampton has been booked.
4. Ticket prices are £12 each and concessions are £10 (OAP and Students)...
5. There will be food and refreshments available at the venue.
6. A selection of book sellers and other merchandise.
7. There will only be 100 tickets available, prior to the event, with a small number available on the day.
8. Also, there will be a grand draw on the day with a number of prizes, with the 1st prize consisting of 4 video's valued at over £20.

So there you have it... planning for Conference 1999 is well under way, and in January 1999, tickets will be on sale. So start saving your pennies, for this main event for 1999. We are hoping to get the local Television and Radio stations involved as well as local

business to advertise through the conference program. If you have any ideas or comments about this venture, then please let me know and we may be able to incorporate your ideas in the planning.

Ernie Sears lecture 21st June 1998.

Mr. Ernie Sears was invited to give the group and members of the public a talk about his UFO sightings and encounters. The event was publicized in the local Southampton Evening Echo and Southampton Advertiser, shops in Southampton and in local shops in the Woolston area. I arrived at 2pm and set out chairs, tables and the table of material for sale. At 2.30pm no one had arrived and at 2.40pm Mr. Sears arrived ready to give his talk at 3pm. at 2.55pm 3 people arrived (group members). at 3pm, with only myself, Mr. Sears, and the 3 previously mentioned people, I decided to close the meeting. At 2 mins past 3pm, 2 further people arrived (group members again) only to be told sorry, meeting canceled.

One of the main reasons for canceling, was the cost. We had to pay Mr. Sears his agreed £25 (covering traveling etc.). Hire of the hall was £5 per hour (total - 2 p.m. - 6pm : £20) Total : £45. With people who attended $5 \times £5 = £25$. So in effect, the group lost £20. So, the next meeting, I will also be booking the smaller classroom just in case we have another small turnout. I am sorry if you came along and I know at least one person finished work early. So, apologies from me, but I must admit I was very disappointed and I know those of you who attended were. Next Speaker : Malcolm Robinson - 8th November from 3pm - 6pm. Tickets available at £7 each from the editor.

Hold the front page.....**UFO Sighting over Poole, Dorset.**

The group received a phone call at 11pm on the 17th June 1998 from a Mr. John Hayes in Poole, who stated that his daughter had sighted a ball of flame - high above Poole - heading North. He contacted Hurn airport, who said that they had not tracked anything on radar between 10pm - 11pm. Sighting report form has been posted to the witness in the hope to obtain more information.

My 3 Minutes of Fame....

On Thursday the 23rd July, I stirred from my bed at 12.30 a.m. after finishing nights at 7 a.m, washed, dressed and flew out of the house and arrived at the Meridian television studios for 1.30 p.m. for my interview. The idea was that being someone new to the Internet, I was to talk about my relative subject i.e. UFO's and how the Internet would benefit me. A few days earlier, I had spent 3 hrs at the studios looking at Internet sites including Quest International, UFOMEK, UFOINFO, BUFORA and the I.R.C.U.P (Paul Vigay) and ASSAP. Well, was I surprised at just what was available.

1. Quest International site was not of interest at all, as it was material that has already appeared in their magazine... (2 / 10)

2. U.F.O.M.E.K was fairly interesting, but when I read it was last updated 19th October 1997, I decided to stick with their excellent magazine instead. (4 / 10)

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/ufomek.htm>

3. UFOINFO This was the best UFO site that I visited, with a wealth of interesting, up-to-date information. The site contains its very own newsletter (Issue 92 - 9th May 1998), and when we visited the site on the 16th July, the site had been updated on the 12th July with UFO Roundup and a News item that reported on the latest sighting on lights over Britain. This is an excellent site, full of information and linked to other sites. This is a must if you are on the Internet to visit at least once a week or every other day (If you can afford it !). (10 / 10).

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/contents.shtml>

4. BUFORA on line - This was a fairly good site, with a good listing of contact groups (SUFOG was on this one...), featured Jenny Randles column, events calendar, selected articles from UFO Times (BUFORA's magazine) and more. An interesting site, and well worth a look at. (7 / 10)

<http://www.bufora.org.uk/>

5. I.R.C.U.P (Paul Vigay) - This is an excellent site if you are into crop circles. The site contains the latest listings, with photographs and drawings of formations. We visited the site on the 16th July and it had been update that same day. Also, there are other connections to CC Connector, Crop Circles, Regional Index and even a page for Busty Taylor. An excellent Web site and a must for you croppies. I give this 15 / 10 if it was possible.

<http://www.interalpha.net/customer/pvigay/>

6. A.S.S.A.P - this again was an excellent site, with news, views and information about the group and much more. (8 / 10).

<http://dspace.dial.pipex.com/town/square/ee65/admin/generalinfo.htm>

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Well, the interview went fine, and I arrived with 10 mins to spare. I was taken to the hospitality suit, and plied with coffee and a spread of food that was excellent. I was in general conversation with one of the researchers who said that I was next to be interviewed after the Japanese whip expert.... Someone who collects whips I asked.. not exactly... this 'lady' charges £100 to '**Give you**' a good whipping.... I later saw her and here 'assistant', well what a get up, If only it had fitted her !!!! and her assistant, well, she wore a black all-over mask.... need I say more !!!....

Whilst waiting, a reporter from the Southampton Evening Echo interviewed me and suddenly, I was rushed down stairs, into make-up, wired for sound and we were away... 3 minutes later it was all over... and also we had over run by 45 secs...

I was whisked back up to the hospitality suit again for more coffee and food, and then I went home. In all, I spent from 1.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. at the studios for my **3 minutes of fame....**

Group Meeting :Sunday 27th July...

Well folks, it happened again, yet another meeting that was poorly attended to say the least. I appreciate that people may be on holiday or have other things to do, but when I have re-arranged my day, come home early from a day out with my family..... only 2 people turned up..... We carried on with the meeting and we made one or two decisions that may help the group... If not, well what will be, will be as they say.....

1. The investigators course will be held at my home address, and those of you who have expressed an interest, will be notified of the date in October.

2. The next '**GROUP**' meeting may well be held in a hostel on town side of the Itchen Bridge. One member suggested this, as our meetings at a cafe a few years ago, was very successful, with 3 meetings and over 30 people attending each meeting. I understand the room is free, but this has yet to be confirmed.

3. I am penning a questionnaire about the group that every member will receive and I hope fill in. This is to gauge the interest in the group, as to our future... As they say, the future is in **YOUR** hands....

4. As from the January 1999 group meetings will be more structured i.e.

Jan : 7.30pm - 8 : Group news etc.

8pm - 8.20 : Break for 20 mins.

8.20 - 10pm : Discussion - Alien Abductions - Personal views/experiences.

Mar : 7.30pm - 8 : Group news etc.

8pm - 8.20 : Break for 20 mins.

8.20 - 10pm : Video evening.

etc. etc. etc. etc.

I will publish further details when I have made the final decision for the year ahead.

5. Sky watches - One a month weather permitting..

6. Sunday afternoon lectures :

21st Feb. : WSG Speaker (Still to be confirmed with the speaker as to availability).

20th June : Lionel Beer (BUFORA).

Written Answers 15th July 1998
(House of Lords).

Unidentified Flying Objects.

Lord Hill-Norton asked her Majesty's Government : When arrangements for disseminating reports of unidentified flying objects within the Ministry of Defence were put in place and last reviewed ; and whether they will ensure that all airports, observatories, RAF bases and police stations have accurate and up-to-date instructions about how to record details of unidentified aerial phenomena reported to them, together with instructions to pass them to the appropriate authorities within the Ministry of Defence ; and What follow-up action is taken by the Ministry of Defence when it receives a report of an unidentified flying object ; and whether checks are routinely made to see whether such reports can be correlated by radar.

Lord Gilbert : the Ministry of Defence's interest in reports of unidentified flying objects is limited to establishing whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace has been penetrated by hostile or unauthorised foreign military activity and whether reporting procedures are adequate for this purpose. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each reported incident. Arrangements within the MOD have been in place for a number of years for disseminating reports ; they were last reviewed in April 1997. Where necessary, reports of unidentified flying objects are examined with the assistance of relevant MOD experts, and this may include radar correlation.

Lord Hill-Norton Asked Her Majesty's Government ; How many reports of unidentified flying objects were notified to the Ministry of

Defence in 1996, 1997 and the first six months of 1998 ; and how many of these sightings remain unexplained.

Lord Gilbert : the number of reports received by the Ministry of Defence of aerial activity not identified to the witness is as follows :

1996 : 609

1997 : 425

1998 : 88 (January - June)

Unless there is evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace has been compromised by unauthorised foreign military activity, we do not seek to provide an explanation for what might have been seen as the MOD is not resourced to provide an identification service.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government : Whether, in evaluating reports of unidentified flying objects, the Ministry of Defence will routinely consult staff at the Royal Greenwich Observatory, the Ballistic Missile Early Warning Center at RAF Fylingdales and the Deep Space Tracing Facility at RAF Feltwell.

Lord Gilbert : These or other staff may be consulted, depending on the circumstances.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government : Why the Ministry of Defence has installed an answering machine on the line used by members of the public to report unidentified flying objects : and whether those people who leave contact details on the machine receive a formal reply.

Lord Gilbert : An answering machine enables members of the public to leave details about aerial activity or seek further information about our policy in respect of unidentified flying objects. The machine carries a message that sets out the MOD's limited interest in the subject and explains that, in the case of reported sightings, callers will be contacted, (Cont..... page 23)

(Cot from page 22...)... only in the event that follow-up action is deemed appropriate.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government : How many military personnel witnessed the unidentified craft that overflowed RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury on 31 March 1993 ; and whether, when the craft has not been identified, such an event ought to be classified as being of no defence significance.

Lord Gilbert : The Ministry of Defence is aware of a single report from two military personnel of an alleged sighting in the West Midlands on 31 March 1993. The facts reported were fully examined at the time. No firm conclusions were drawn then about the nature of what had been seen, but the events were not judged to be of defence significance. The MOD has no reason to doubt the judgments made at the time.

Cont. from page 14.... abduction story, Jenny, the man is in a cleft stick with the possible MOD repercussions and his growing desire to tell THE TRUTH as now sees it ! It is GOING to come out in the end, NOTHING can stop it, the whole bag of tricks ! No need for Nick to do ANYTHING ! Hey ! look ! from the length of NUFON's review you can tell it's INTERESTING ! So subscribe to it.. there's much more ! 1 Hallsteads Close, Dove Holes, Buxton, High Peaks, Derbyshire. SK17 8BS and its £6 for six issues.

LONDON UFO STUDIES... 'Skylink' magazine has "gone green" this issue 22.. the cover anyway.. Roy Lake in charge as ever.. with new Editor Jane West.. and yes, Roy comments on where have all the UFO's gone.. thus the mags too ! Mebbe the pesky critters got all fed up with us ! Remote viewing featured in the mag.. I have the

Ted Serious book on it... both the USA and the USSR spent LOTS OF DOSH on it for military and spying reasons. Nick Redfern's Press release on the January release of files by the MOD.. Malcolm Robinson on The Scottish UFO Phenomenon.. several interesting pages long... ah !... got Malcs London address therein ! Ta ! Number of good sighting reports.. all but two of which do NOT have the AREA where seen.. WHY NOT ? Ex Flying Officer, ex policeman, John Clarke, explains why many aircraft can be misidentified as UFO's but fortunately John is 'absolutely convinced that genuine UFO's exist'.. but of course, the one thing that witnesses and abductees and experiencers KNOW, against all the "experts" and "debunkers" ! SKYLINK also features a WEBSITE reports section, very useful if you aren't equipped with such. Ancient Egypt Mysteries.. book reviews.. mailbag.. meetings and conference dates.. and Roy is still advertising for "female investigators urgently needed".. He DIDN'T add "for nighttime skywatches"! Still, any SURPLUS Roy..... you have my address ! Subscriptions for SKYLINK£15 for one year, four issues.. try 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 9RX. or 0181 270 9919.

OVNI from Omar Fowler is the journal of the phenomenon Research Association.. bi-monthly.. and Omars Editorial musings echo my thoughts EXACTLY ! Especially those East Coast and Lowestoft areas activity.. does Rendlesham have it's connections ? The Queensland and Auckland power failures figure in MY remit too.. with close relatives of my neighbor relaying news by phone from "out there".. flying triangles again over Notts and Mid-Wales, and the MI5 Exeter bound.. Gulf Breeze news.. USA items... Cont. Page 24.....

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UFOMEK ..UFO Monitors East Kent.. issue 22.. Jerry Anderson is the "coordinator" and his assistant Chris Rolfe, and a nicely printed full-size mag, if some of the photo's don't reproduce well.. no matter... the mag. is very interesting and adds to our knowledge as all should. Intriguing to see the name and address of a MOD dept. given which they allege is no longer in existence for starters. Richard Smith urges more "aggressive" pursuit for information, via your MP's and questions in the House. Somewhere in our own mag. will be some of those questions asked and answers ! Courtesy of Nick Pope ! Who wasn't the asker ! an early... 1566 !... earthlights series from Basle, Switzerland, and another in 1904 - 1905 at Egryn in Wales., solution offered by someone in 1989 discovered earthquake tremors in the Welsh area. However, Jerry Anderson maintains an open mind.. as those of us know, there are "other" unexplained things ! David Quickenden covered the Strange Times conference organised by the Southend Group on May 22nd 1998.. a real treat he said. Sightings include a very bright light in the channel off of Margate which "buzzed" two boats, October 1997. Two more sightings took place in that area and the final one saw three aircraft approach the light, with two going each side of it. Oddly, no more was reported as to the conclusion of this sighting. Others are reported, but as Jerry Anderson says, LITS are not easy to pin down and you come up against a brick wall. Our own editor Steve will tell us differently NOW! Some discussion with Jenny Randles over a Mail article etc. on that Howards UFO incident over the ministers Essex home.. allegedly ! Well, that's it.. no subscriptions given

anywhere for the mag. so assume it is in with the group subs. Try Jerry Anderson, Ivydene, Wingham Well Road, Bramling, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1NN.

THE CALLER is Jerseys UFO Research Team magazine for June/July 98.. covers the local scene, takes on, this issue, an in-depth description of our own near neighbor Isle of Wight UFO Society, information I found useful on the groups existence, comments on Gazza's UFO publicity in the media (?), reports on the Jersey skywatches to date, summed up as a "washout" this year ! Address etc. given previously.

HUFOS stands for Hull UFO Society, sub-titled "Faster than light", whatever that means ! The Editor is Chris Evers, self described as "The Big Grey"..... hair ? Sounds a lively outfit...a Mini Conference, a sci-fi Convention, a list of sightings investigated (28) twixt August 97 and May 98, interesting interview with Graham Birdsall of UFO Magazine (8 pages !); Time Travel article by Chris Evers. The Phoenix lights update. That 24,000 mph 'as big as a battleship' UFO (we heard of LOADS of those in the 50's !) sometimes witnessed by multiple aircrews. Subscriptions to FTL are £6 a year.. doesn't say of periodicity of issue.. you can join FTL for £10 yearly for free meetings, discounts on newsletter and at the Conference etc. From Chris Evers, Chestnut House, 24 Chestnut Ave, Queens Road, Hull.

THE S FILES... Southend UFO Investigation Group Magazine. issue 8.. contains 5 pages of an update on Rendlesham Forest by Mark Doulton who took a trip there.. 'spooky' ! Alien science ? Are we using it ? Speculative article on ET life in our solar system.. Recovered Memory.. "Grey Magic"... Alastair Crowley no less ! Cont. on Page 25....

.... Book review of "Catchers of Heaven", author Michael Wolf. An abductee perspective... weird claim of new alien autopsy photos, entities who 'talked gibberish'... well, so would YOU if you were being opened up !... Sightings section... etc. etc. Information from 22 Woodfield Park Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 1LW.. no fees mentioned !

COMMENTARY NUMBER 9 is slightly weird since I can't recall seeing one before... plainly printed with no actual title, by John Paul Oswald, Po Box 652, NH 03843 0652... a USA address. Unable to be brief, this is a weighty sort of screed running through various UFOlogical scenarios including Raymond Fowler's Andreasson Affairs... I like the phrase that the USA has insulated the general population from Reality !... and thus the social consequences... the UFO - Alien tremendously powerful stimulus that affects human fragmentation domains... how we THINK individually affects our perceptions... "they" will NOT be 'going away, they have an interest'... the BIG LIE, can the lid be kept on ?.. not sure of the authors 'digital clock' references..... humans are sensitive about conclusions to the extent that they can continue to accumulate information in order to avoid the "interpretation" ! Now THAT is a very profound statement and this guy, author, or whatever he is, tells it like it is, maybe. Even to his closing comment ; 'following that transforming step' (he is referring to a Christian element as did Mrs. Betty Andreasson) 'we are still met by some grim trails' ! Yes... Strieber, much maligned by some, outlined this in his "Transformation" book. I close on that sombre but not without hope statement. 'The Truth will set you free' and... 'the only thing to fear is fear itself.... (Thanks again Ernie for an

interesting review of those mags that very very rarely review the SUFOG Newsletter....Ed)...

GROUP NEWS UPDATE....

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SOUTHAMPTON U.F.O GROUP.

SIGHTING SUMMARY REPORT.

Date : 25th July 1998

Ref : SG/06/98

Location : Cheesefoot Head, Winchester, Hampshire.

Time : 11.53 hrs.

Duration : 11.53 - 11.56.

Witness : 5

Weather conditions : Clear, stars, no cloud

Direction : South West to North East.

Oval light, no sound, passed overhead at high speed. As it passed over, it snaked from side to side, cork-screwed, and as it disappeared into the distance it '**curved upwards**' into the sky and into space. There was no tail / trail and made no noise at all. It was on a straight course across the sky. It was not a plane, satellite, meteorite, or any other known object to those at the skywatch.

Time : 01.29 hrs.

Duration : 01.29 - 01.31

Witness : 3

Weather conditions : Clear, stars, no cloud

Direction : South West to North East.

A round, white point of light that seemed to move with a '**pulsing**' movement at high speed. It was white in color, on a straight course and again, made no sound. This object was slightly smaller than the object seen at 11.53hrs and seemed to move from side to side as it passed overhead. The object was not a plane, satellite, meteorite or any other known object to those at the skywatch.

During the skywatch organized by the **Southampton UFO Group**, we saw 4 satellites, 8 shooting stars and a number of airplanes on flight paths into and out of the London airports. We also looked around at the local fields in the proximity of Cheesfoot Head, but found only wind damage, fields that had already been harvested and local wildlife.

Investigator : To Be Advised

Evaluated By :

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PUCKS REVIEW

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the penultimate PUCKS REVIEW. Well as harvesting the crops are well under way another year of images or artwork comes to an end, and what a busy season it's been despite the awful summer weather with around 90 formations appearing in the U.K. alone, counties such as Staffordshire, Bucks, Cambs, Berks, Yorkshire, Somerset, Dorset and Kent to name a few that have had formations, with the usual hotspots Hants and Wilts being singled out for some special attention, most curious is the absence of virtually any in the County of Sussex apart from a messy one or two, it would seem even the hoaxers have avoided this area. One of the frequent shapes or styles that have been appearing in my area at least, Hants has been big circular designs with many semi-circles in and around the perimeter one of those even appeared not far from where I live at nearby Fareham, although I didn't personally like it, I was most intrigued as to why anyone who obviously can make them would consider Fareham and the poorly seeded field it appeared in, although it did catch the eye of many who drove along the nearby M27. A report on it's discovery inside. A new film about crop circle researchers and the views held by them and the people who make the crop circles came out earlier this year I am pleased to say it is a film that has contributed in my opinion to understand why this phenomena has such a profound effect upon anyone involved, either way, with the subject. Review inside. The B.B.C commissioned a few crop circles to be made in Wiltshire this summer for a forthcoming program some well known circle-makers were involved in the project, one way or another it could even turn out to be a bit of an eye opener for some people. On the 4th August while checking out a number of formations in Hants, along with John Sayer and friends we came across a beautiful small formation between Old Winchester Hill and HMS Mercury that no-one was aware of. In wheat it consisted two touching rings and three smaller satellite circles around it, measuring just over 107ft in length. I would say it was less than a week old and it's simplicity compared to some of the ones I just visited, the big many semi-circled ones (one at Clanfield for instance) was somehow more appealing. Quite a few have been appearing world wide too, reports have come in from Finland, Germany, Croatia, USA and Israel to name a few. Whoever or whatever is making crop circles it is still very much at work Worldwide!

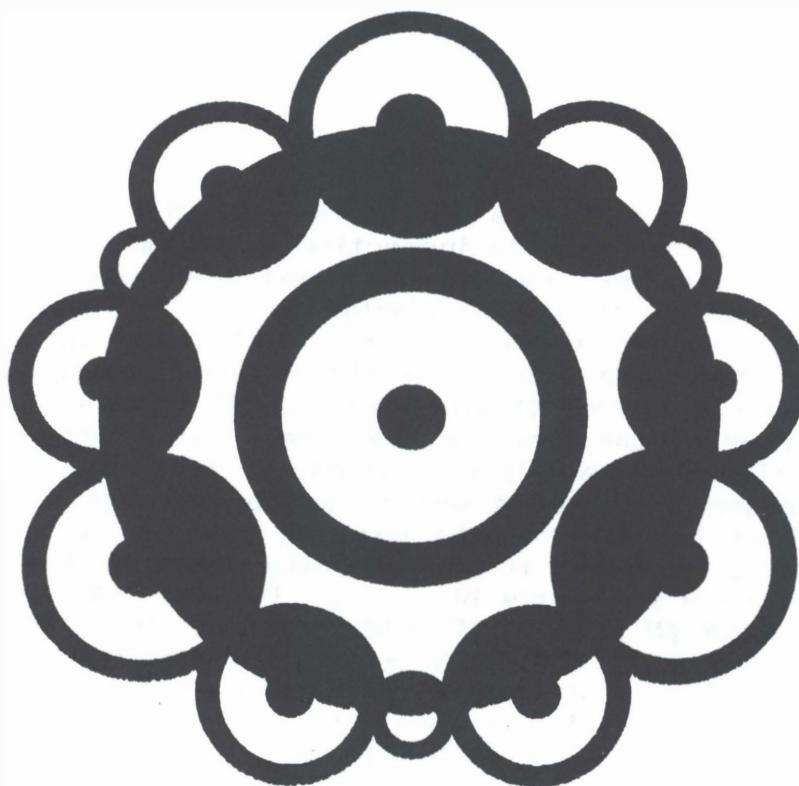
THE REPORTING OF A CROP CIRCLE.

On the 9th July I received a call from Steve Gerrard who informed me that a motorist from Cosham had rang him and told him of a crop circle he had seen from the M27 near Junction 11, my ears prickled up. The motorist was unknown to Steve and myself so we began to wonder if he had mistaken what he saw for wind damage despite him describing what he saw as a rose. I was not too sure. On the Friday (10th) I awoke with sinus pains, something that often visits me, the thought of investigating a crop circle and all that it involves, feeling as I did, did not fill me with too much excitement. A circle friend, said he would cycle out to the area that a.m. and see what he could see, I suggested a few vantage points to look from as the M27 itself was of course out of the question to him. He rang me early p.m. and said he could see nothing, I began to get very curious indeed. A while later I was listening to Power FM the local radio station when the news at 2 o'clock began "Has E.T. been visiting Fareham? In a field near Fareham on the M27 between Junction 9 + 10 our Eye In The Sky reporter found a huge crop circle in the shape of a Chrysanthemum". Well after cleaning up the herbal tea I had sprayed out over myself in surprised confirmation, I rang Steve and confirmed what he had been told. Not possessing a car I rang a relative who was keen to see his first crop circle. That evening we drove on to the M27 and scanned around, then looking across some large green fields to my right I looked left and in a rather small wheat field, there it was. The small field it was placed in created the best viewpoint from the motorway itself. We turned around and passed it a 2nd time, the driver even stopping on the hard shoulder so I could reel off some photo's (I know it's illegal). We then drove around the back roads to find approx. where it was, at this point I had no intention of going into it there and then due to the deteriorating weather but wanted to be sure for an early a.m. visit the next day (11th). We found the field and with heavy drizzle we returned home. At 7.30a.m. the following day while most dedicated croppies headed for Andover for the Cereologist Annual Conference and people on their birthday, mine! usually take it easy I was waiting for someone to arrive who as it turned out cycled past the field the previous morning and missed it due to a hedge obscuring his view, he turned up at about 8a.m. and together we cycled to the outskirts of Fareham, about 3 or 4 miles from where I live in Gosport. There was a break in the weather and the sun was out and upon arrival we found a convenient single lane track by the side of the field, handy for a car I thought. We came to a clearing in the hedge (for tractors) and leaving our bikes we walked the short distance along a convenient tramline straight into the formation itself.

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Although it was only 2 days old there was quite a bit of damage in it. After a while inspecting it I came to the conclusion it was man-made. What I found most interesting was it's general design, it was so similar to one at Privett on the 16th June and an attractive one at Clanfield on the 19th June, all in Hampshire. In all of these three designs the lay was anti-clockwise. It was about 240ft across. Just off the corner of the field on the single car track there was a sub-way that was heavily graffitied, as they are, but what I found perhaps of interest was a cryptic message written in fresh chalk at the edge of the nearest side of the sub-way to the formation, I thought it seemed quite fresh as the chalk could be removed by gently blowing it, it read: **FEEL PIACID THE HUMAN RACE IN YOUR FACE COMPLEMENTARY SPACE FEEL THE VIBES RIDE THE GOOD TIME ARTS A GESTURE SPORTING JEST'ERE** (odd spelling), at the top of the 6ft scrawl there was a jester's hat. A few weeks later I revisited this one along with John Sayer, Leonie Starr and Daniel Lobb, Leonie Starr dowsed in various places in the formation and found it "interesting", in what way I am not sure. This time a decomposed rat had been placed in it, I left the field while they did they're investigations. On the 12th July a reported formation was found on the side of nearby Portsdown Hill (near the research station), it was reported to have grapeshot although it was not circular on the outside, it had a standing ring in the centre, the report said strangely. On the 31st July a Phallic symbol was reported just over a mile East from the big Fareham one, I have not seen the last two so I reserve judgement! What made this Fareham one unique in some ways was that Steve told me about it when it was right on my doorstep almost, and it was the first crop circle I had visited by push bike and of course the first crop circle to appear in Fareham.

CLANFIELD, HAMPSHIRE
19th. June



Wheat. All laid crop swept anti-clockwise. Central circle 12'; standing ring 48' x 18' wide; flattened ring 64' x 8' wide; scalloped flattened ring 112'; centre to outer circumference of largest rings 82'. Overall diameter c. 152'.

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Inside the formation. Clanfield village in distance.
29th June 1998.

FILM REVIEW "CROPPIES"

"Croppies" is Grant Wakefields 2nd venture into making crop circle films, the first being "Phenomena" in 1993 which was a 41 minute long venture into the mysterious (it was more so then) enigma. I recall meeting Grant when he was leaving a field at West Stowell back in '94 and I found him in a foul mood, cursing the formation he had just left, speaking of damage in the lay of the crop etc, with an array of expletives that surprised even me (I was even more surprised when he told me who he was - the producer of "Phenomena" a film I particularly liked). I found him an amusing person. "Croppies" begins with the events from June '97 and the crop circles that appeared that year and for me this film goes into territory that other films haven't even got near. I think part of it's success goes down to the writer, director, camera-man, sound recordist and narrator Grant himself who has the knack of making the interviewees open up. He has gathered a mixed bag of crop circle connected people that include in one corner Colin Andrews (surprise!) Ed Sherwood and an amusing Peter Sørensen and in the other corner Doug Bower, John Lundberg and the voice only of Julian Richardson to name a few. Lasting an hour it is mainly concerned with the beliefs of believers and people who make crop circles, it is not a video of pretty pictures although some aerial footage is included. It's really concerned with the politics of the phenomena by those involved in it. I think Grant has undertaken a mammoth task with all the range of opinion involved in the subject and has managed to capture the human side of it very well. Although don't think it's all boring croppies rattling on either, there are some light-hearted segments in it such as the time Doug Bower got hit on the head by some falling ice from I presume a high altitude plane while in a crop field, then there's Steven Greer of CSCETI who speaks of people who - while astral travelling - "slam into" E.T. craft while E.T.s look up at them and say you should look where your going! Dear oh dear. Then there is the phenomena called Erik Bejkord and his simulacra obsession or as Grant put it amusingly "his occupational hazard", anyone who has spent a while with Erik will understand. The rantings of Canadian researcher Chad Deetkin who calls hoaxers "the scum of the Earth" and "psychopaths" and speaks of physically attacking hoaxers gives one cause for concern.

The hoaxers, circle-makers have their say which creates a healthy balance, Lundberg and Dickinson come over very articulate and convincing and Rob Irving however comes over somewhat bitter about it all. I think it's one of the best videos about crop circles yet done and I have seen most of them. Grant has done a great job along with Sussex Circulars Jason Forthouse. Highly recommended. If you want a copy send a blank video with necessary postage for return and Ten pounds in CASH which will go to relief aid agencies in Sudan and Iraq to the address below:-
GRANT WAKEFIELD, 1 CHURCH WALK, STANTON ST BERNARD, WILTS, SN8 4JJ.

THE CEREOLOGIST No: 22 SUMMER '98

There is an interesting interpretation of the 1990 Alton Barnes pictogram by John Pascale (apparently altogether the piece is 60+ pages long!) He interprets the boxes, claws rings etc. in this extraordinary early formation from a biblical view-point and uses excerpts from that (in)famous book as evidence that actually God had something to do with this formation. (God was unavailable for comment!). Ed and Kris Sherwood's article is one of the first good reads in this edition of the CEREOLOGIST. The couple who ran the "Millenium Research" in the U.S.A. write about some remarkable events at Laguna Canyon that happened in 1996. Space permits me to go too much into the article, but it briefly concerns the Tongva Indians whose sacred gravesites were bulldozed to make way for a highway, this led to 3 formations appearing close to the road and their Sacred Site (two different sized multi-ringed circles and a spoke like formation). The road began in March and on 9th March the 3 formations appeared, come April a security guard when asked by Sherwood if anything had been seen around the area claimed he and others had seen "STRANGE LIGHTS" and what they called "GHOSTS". one worker was so distressed by what he had seen that he refused to work anywhere near that area. When the showed a Chumash elder a photo of the three glyphs he said "something within us is bringing destruction from out there in space" as the Sherwood's put it succinctly "could be a warning that we need to change, or change will be brought to us".

There is a report about some familiar looking crop circles in Austria from last year along with some photos and an excellent article entitled "Is sound behind the creation of Crop Circles?" by C.P.R. member Freddy Silva in which he shows quite convincingly I thought - that sound frequency can have a large part to play in the crop circle story. Freddy Silva was the "unlucky bugger" (his words) who was first handed the Oliver's Castle Snowflake video. Just picking something out of a very good three page piece (which is not easy as all of it is related to other things in the article) is the work of Swiss scientist Hans Jenny (who following the ideas of Ernst Chladni in the 18th century) did experiments in the mid 1960's using sound for vibrational effects on materials like water, plaster, oil and sand and called it "CYMATICS". When sand was placed on a flat surface and using his invention the "Tonoscope" to create the sound of the vowel "O" it created in the sand an "O" shape (see pic 1), and by changing the vibration caused the material to alter shape. Do you see the connection? Lower vibrations simple circles, and over the years as the frequency was raised complex crop formations have materialized. Was this related to Colin Andrews and the Pebble Mill camera-men all those years ago, maybe it wasn't the Grasshopper Warbler after all!

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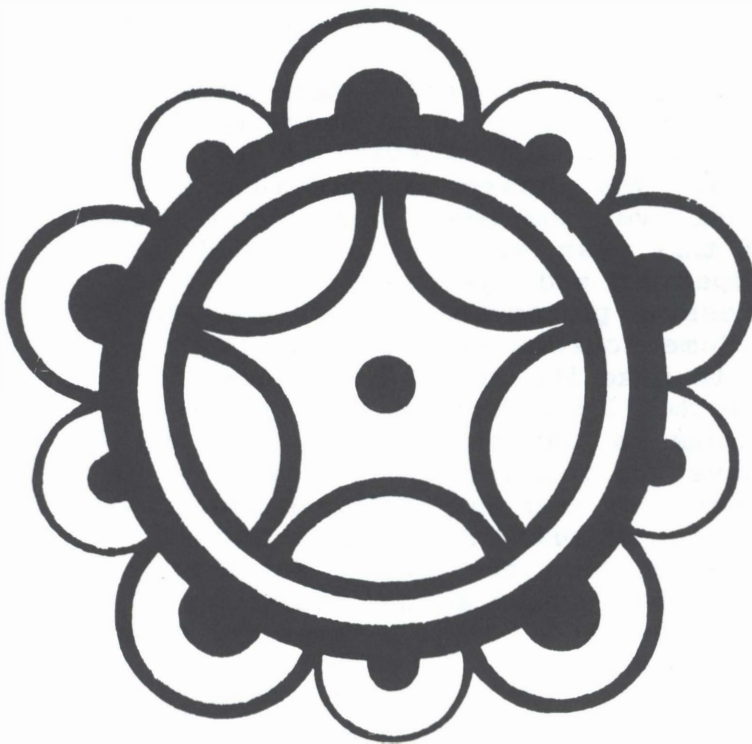
If these observations are half right then many more questions need asking, great article though that's certainly got me thinking about some of the other things also mentioned like George Smith who the 1960's subjected corn to frequencies that created a higher heat content in soil and also created a burnt appearance to the plants, sound familiar? Another good article was by Jens Rowald entitled "Unfolding the Crop Circles" and continuing along the lines of John Martineau and Wolfgang Schindler showing how pentagrams, pentagons etc. fit neatly over the crop formations using the tetrahedron (a triangle pyramid). He shows that super-imposing the ancient shape over various formations produces some convincing results. Richard Hoagland (face on Mars that NASA are now lying about) used this technique with good results on the grandmother of all crop circles the magnificent Barbury Castle formation of 1991. I think these two articles alone with its 19.5 degrees connection convince me beyond doubt that something very profound and quite cosmic is still very much at work in our crop fields each year, and an intelligence coupled with a subtlety and patience is behind many genuine formations. There is an interesting letter from a reader who investigates one of the experts who declared the Oliver's Castle video "possibly genuine" one Jim Diletozzo, who it seems is not quite what he seems. Apparently Diletozzo claimed he had a Ph.D (he doesn't) and his lab worked on the special effects on the latest Titanic film, he didn't, he helped analyse the Billy Meir U.F.O. photo's, he didn't. He is also accused of financial fraud in order to keep his village laboratories afloat. Also in this informative edition of the journal there is an article by someone who was nearby Silbury Hill the night the "Beltane Wheel" appeared on the 3rd May 1998 he saw and heard nothing unusual. Much fuss is being made by some of the New Zealand pictogram made by John Lundberg, Rod Dickinson and Will Russel for the U.S. NBC television company. Very briefly the trio who claimed to have made a number of the arty formations over the years were flown out to New Zealand in spring of this year (where it is claimed no crop circles have so far appeared) and was paid for by NBC and created a visually impressive pictogram, they were asked to produce it in 4 hours. Some sources are claiming they actually took near 6 hours to make it, until I have more evidence for either time allotted I will have to sit on the fence. However, I am not going to jump on the bandwagon and condemn this work until I have the full facts. Whatever it shows one thing at least that they can make fairly complex formations. Once again the journal provokes thought and plants seeds of interest in minds that are looking for the elusive answers to the phenomena. Other good articles go together to make this without doubt the most interesting crop circle journal going, available from:-

The Bungalow
Clements Farm,
Wheatley, Bordon
Hants. GU35 9PA

Pic.1

The effect of the vibration created by the vowel 'O' on sand. The work of Dr.Jenny. See 'The Cereologist' review.

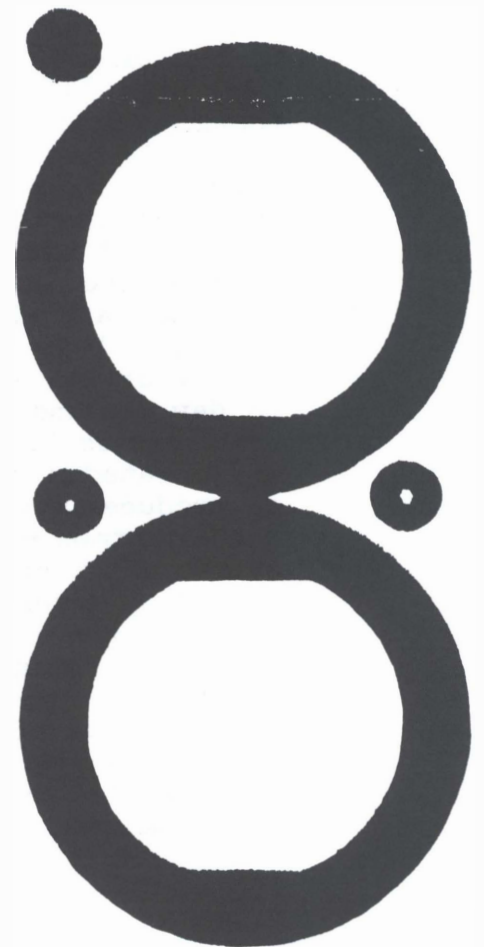




(See report)

The Fareham formation
made on the 9th July 1998.

Both drawings are not to scale.
Drawn by B.Riley.



(see the Editorial)

A simple, effective and
pleasing formation.
Discovered on the 4th August '98.
Found near Old Winchester Hill,
Hants.

LET'S TWIST AGAIN...

In the July issue of the Sussex Circular it's editor gave an over-long dissection of the film "Croppies" by Grant Wakefield that in my opinion was biased and negative, however it did reveal perhaps the S.C. editor's way of thinking.

The S.C. editor who in the film states "it actually doesn't matter anymore whether some of them are man made, some of them made from human consciousness and some made by E.T.s":- is now suggesting in his review that some of what he said was taken out of context (to achieve this for a film, would of course be down to the editing). Unusually for the editor in question while taking apart this film he can barely remind the S.C. reader that one of his own "team" S.C. member Jason Porthouse was the editor of the "Croppies" film, "the editing (selective-ness aside) spot on" he said. Curious that!

The editor also suggests that Wakefield had to include the hoaxers as he, Wakefield, is not what the S.C. Ed. insinuates a true believer, it's rather obvious what the Ed. would like to be heard and what he would not, is this the seeds of *Cerealogical* fascism I see before me? Let's stray from the beating path for a while.

If Lundberg and Co. are responsible for some or many of the 'pretty' formations each year and their claims that while in the process of putting one down, they observe light anomalies, balls of light, flashes etc., then there is a possibility that those making some crop circles are being observed and maybe manipulated by the genuine phenomena, like 'puppets' as someone implied in the "Croppies" film, this to me is plausible after all who can, apart from the S.C. Ed. say otherwise. The phenomena has frequently shown an interplay with researches, anyone who has followed the twisting path of the crop circle development over the years surely could not deny such evidence, whose to say what it won't or can't do? Rod Dickinson in the film claims that once he had finished making a formation one night and decided not to bother with one last small circle and left the field. The next day he inspected his work in daylight and found that his left out circle had now been added! Of course we must treat these accounts with the caution required, their claims that they have made some of the spectacular ones the last few years are very hard to substantiate for a number of reasons, paradoxically, I think it's a safe bet to say they most certainly have had something to do with some of the 'popular' ones over the past few years, like it or not folks!

These accounts of light anomalies of course, if untrue, could give weight and importance to their nocturnal wanderings, there is an interaction between them and the phenomena, a sort of seal of approval from beyond. But what if it is true?

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We must listen to them and use our intuition, that same intuition that some years ago showed some that there is a bit more to this than 'flattened wheat' and after all if you have seen what the real thing can do and walked upon it's works why start to doubt or go into a self-denying trip? I repeat again, this phenomena has changed the rules so many times only a fool would say what it can and can't do to get it's message (formation) across. Of course, with such a possibility some could stand to loose out, the small element involved in more misreporting and materially rewarding crop circle research would no doubt find such a scenario not at all palatable, after all if the majority of crop circles each year could be proved beyond doubt to be the work of us mortals, and work got out in the public domain wouldn't sales of books, photo's and other clap trap take a nosedive, think about it.

Could this explain why some 'researchers' won't even entertain the notion that a lot of crop circles each year are man made.

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Well thats it for this issue of PUCKS REVIEW, I hope you found something of interest, if you didn't never mind, the cost to you the reader was only in time, the REVIEWS only motivation is an interest in the subject and bring some awareness of it in your thinking.

Keep that mind open!

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OPEN A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH AN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING."

Psychedelic Guru

Terence McKenna.

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